



Midway City News

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Midway City Corporation



Mayor's Message

By Colleen Bonner
Midway City Mayor

City Clean-up April 30th

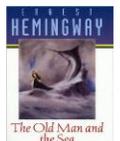
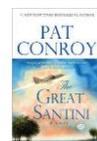
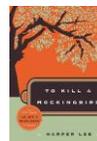
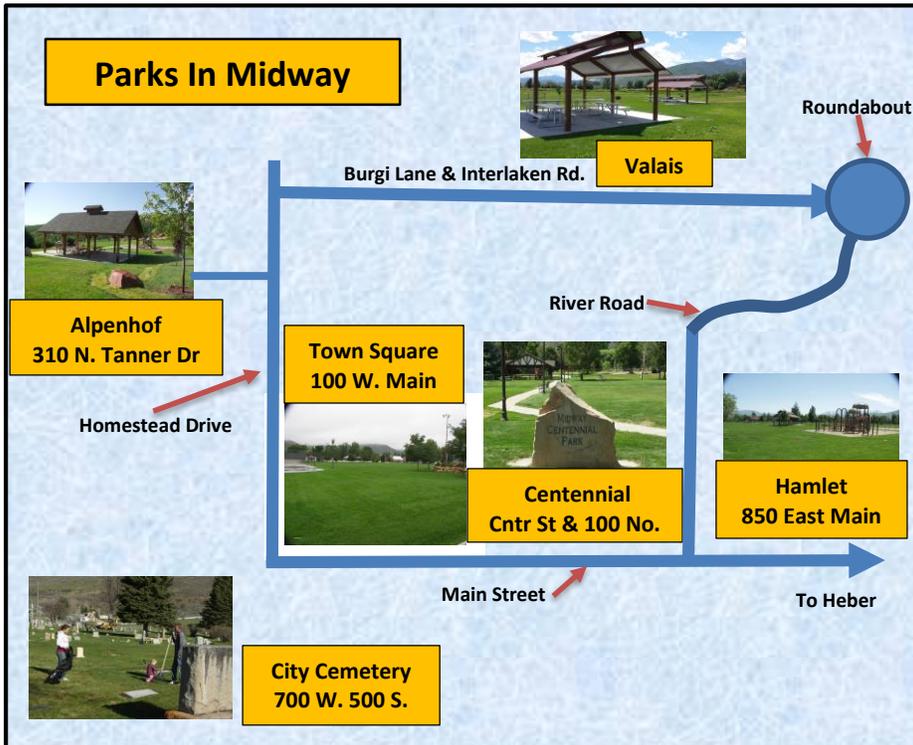
Our Midway City clean-up is scheduled one week earlier this year due to some scheduling conflicts, so mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30th beginning at 9:00am. Get together with friends, family, church groups, civic groups, or just bring yourself to one of our four City parks, the City Cemetery or Town Square. There will be a member of Public Works at each location with lists of work needing to be done; all you have to do is ask them for a project and they will point you in the right direction.

The City will provide trash bags and trucks to take the debris away; citizens should plan to bring shovels, rakes, gloves, and other tools which may be needed.

At 11:30, everyone is invited to congregate at the Town Square Shelter for a lunch of Bar-B-Que pork sandwiches, potato salad, chips, punch and dessert compliments of the City.

This is one of my favorite projects that we do as a City. I watch as all of you join in with your neighbors and friends and really enjoy helping to keep Midway clean and ready to welcome visitors from all over the world!

For those of you new to the area, this map shows the location of each park as well as the cemetery.



Midway has a delightful hidden gem that most residents may not be aware of. Just inside the pot rock fence at the Christensen residence on 50 South Center Street, one can find the "Little Free Library". "What is that?", you may ask. Sue and Doug came up with the idea of providing free used paperback books to anyone who would like to read one; or having a place for anyone to trade a book they have read for a book they have not. The process is simple; just walk up to their Little Library, choose a book that you would like to read and take it home with you; or bring a book, trade for another book and take it home with you; or donate a book that you think someone else would like to read – just stop by the kiosk and leave it on the shelf.

Visit the Little Library once, or as often as you would like. There will most likely be a new book you haven't read on the shelf – left there by another reader who loves books as much as you do! The Christensen family welcomes you to stop by anytime.

Invitation from Midway's Community Choir – The Swiss Chorus

For over 50 years, the people of Midway have come together to form a volunteer community choir that celebrates Midway's 4th of July celebration, Swiss Days and Christmas. We welcome all youth and adult singers to participate in Midway's choir.

June 5th will start our 2016 summer season. We practice one and a half hours from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings at the church by the Midway School. We start and end right on time!

Our first performance will be just 4 weeks later at the 7:00 a.m. Fourth of July Celebration in the Midway Town Square. We will sing a salute to the arm services and another favorite patriotic number. It is a great start to a very important celebration.

On July 10th, we begin preparations for our Swiss Days Concerts. The Swiss Chorus performs two, hour-long concerts on the Friday and Saturday evenings of Swiss Days. There is a Swiss Children's choir for younger children that meets at another time who also perform at Swiss Days.

On September 25th we begin the practices for our Christmas Concert that takes place on December 19th. We will present beloved Christmas music along with the Swiss Bell Ringers.

The Swiss Chorus, Swiss Children's Choir and Swiss Bell Ringers, sponsored by the Midway Boosters, are truly gifts to the community. Come and feel the spirit of our community by joining us and singing in the Swiss Choir. For more information, call Claire Averett at 801-376-9606.



It's hard to believe that we are already into April. We look forward to another great year of Booster activities whose mission is to maintain and enhance the "Spirit of Midway."

First we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Boosters members who have left the board at the end of 2015. Thank you Fred Thomas, Maggie Fugitt, Doug and Karla Jenkins, Mark and Tonya Hoopes, Kim and Jean Hoover and Caleb & Natali Steil for your wonderful service!

We also welcome the new board members Ali and Andrea Dabier, Kent and Celeste Johnson, Joe and

Many people have moved to Midway in recent years and may not be familiar with the mission of the Midway Boosters. In a nutshell, the mission is to preserve and perpetuate the cultural, social and spiritual traditions of those who settled and built the Midway community.

We strive to preserve and improve the economic, geographic, environmental, architectural, and educational aspects of the Midway community and sponsor many activities aimed at fostering goodwill and cooperation.

These activities include continued sponsorship of the annual Swiss Day's Festival, the Midway Swiss Miss Royalty, the 4th of July celebration, and Swiss Christmas, as well as beautification projects and other activities.

By the time this newsletter is printed, the 2016 Swiss Miss Royalty will have been selected. A great thanks goes out to all the girls who tried out and to Tara Snow, Melanie Berrett, Elise Jones and all the volunteers who helped make the Swiss Miss Pageant 2016 a great event.

The Midway Boosters recently started a new Facebook page which we will use to keep you updated on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. We encourage you to like it at [Facebook.com/FriendsOfMidway](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfMidway).

April Events

Apr 1st April Fools' Day
Apr 13th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
Apr 20th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
Apr 22nd Passover Begins
Apr 27th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
Apr 27th Administrative Professionals Day
Apr 30th **CITY CLEANUP 9:00am with lunch at 11:30am**

May Events

May 1st May Day
May 8th Mother's Day
May 11th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**

May Events (cont.)

May 18th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
May 22nd City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
May 30th Memorial Day

June Events

June 8th City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**
June 15th Planning Commission – **Comm Cntr 7:00pm**
June 19th Father's Day
June 20th Summer Begins!
June 22nd City Council – **Comm Cntr 6:00pm**

City Office Showcases Resident Artists

If you haven't visited the City office building recently, you should take the opportunity to do so. Local artists of any age have been invited to share their artwork along the walls of the building. Currently, there are several oil and photography renderings displayed; but we would like to showcase more artists. If you would like to have some of your work displayed, here are the guidelines:

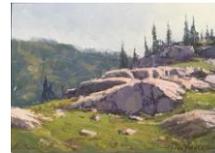
- ◆ Maximum size is 24" wide x 30" high
- ◆ Pieces must be framed
- ◆ Include a card with your name, contact information, and price of the piece of you would like to sell it
- ◆ Artwork will be displayed for a maximum of 60 days
- ◆ Must be a resident of Midway to display artwork
- ◆ All genres [oils, pencils, photos, quill, etc.] / All ages
- ◆ Must be appropriate for public display / "G" rated

For more information, or to submit items for display, contact Lindy Rodabough at the City office; Monday-Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm. 435-654-3223 extension 3.



Midway Art Association News

By Pam Weilenmann, MAA President



Oil Painting by
John Hughes

About mid-March in Heber Valley, there is a magical time of transition between winter and spring. It rains, is overcast, then turns to snow with occasional radiant sunshine. We know that this is Nature's magician's cape to be swept off and reveal a spectacular season of verdant green mountains and valley. We at Midway Art Association always gasp at another beautiful summer appearing before our eyes. So, Spring rains or Spring snows, we love them both as we love to paint and to ski!

All year, MAA keeps members inspired with monthly membership meetings with potluck dinner and artist demonstrations that are free to the public, the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except July and December), at the Midway Community Center at 6:30. Presenters this spring are, John Hughes on acrylics in March, Susette Gertsch on acrylics in April, Kimball Warren, oil landscapes in May followed by a 2-day workshop, and Rachel Pettit in June on oil landscapes, just before the Wasatch Plein Air Paradise commences June 25-July 4th.

As we celebrate our National Independence each 4th of July in our "Small Town" of Midway, hundreds of fresh "Plein Air" paintings are created by Utah and national fine artists at the 11th annual Wasatch Plein Air Paradise Art Competition 2016 Art Exhibit and Sale. As tall oaks from little acorns grow, our MAA art event has grown over 11 years to be an exciting national event that focuses on Heber Valleys' charms. In keeping with our non-profit mission, we have an Amateurs division also. Fine collectible paintings are produced for the enjoyment of families and art lovers for their homes and offices. The many serene views that local families are accustomed to, become iconic landscape paintings representing a life that invites everyone to share and be uplifted. It gives a sense of pride to our community and an opportunity to be involved and have ownership of priceless artwork capturing the radiant beauty around us. Please check our MAA website for more information: midwayartassociation.org or call Ruby at 435 654 1580 or Pam at 801 755 1456. MAA warmly invites amateur and professional artists to join us for our gatherings and learn, socialize and sell art together.

Mountainland Head Start, Inc., is a no-cost preschool that empowers children and families to succeed. We are currently taking applications for 3 and 4 year-old children for the 2016-17 school year. For more information visit our website www.mountainlandheadstart.org, call 801-375-7981 ext 136, or send an email to enrollment@mountainlandheadstart.org.





Don't Miss "The Wizard of Oz!" July 1-16

"The Wizard of Oz" is coming to Midway this summer! This is a great family musical - some have said the greatest family musical of all time - which reminds us all that "There's no place like home."

A tornado sweeps Dorothy away to a magical land and she embarks on a quest to find the Wizard to help her return home. The Wicked Witch of the West is close at hand, screaming over Dorothy's ruby slippers and shooting fireballs at the straw-filled Scarecrow, among other evil deeds!

With songs everyone loves, including "Somewhere, Over the Rainbow", and "Ding, Dong, the Witch is Dead!" you'll be transported to a magical land with Dorothy, the Lion, the Tinman, and the Scarecrow as they discover who they really are. You'll see the Munchkins, winged monkeys, singing crows and trees, green-clad Ozians, and of course, a melting witch!

Directed by Sue Waldrip, with Mindy McMaster and Ellie Gallagher as choreographers, Lorraine Branham as Music Director, and Ellen Eckersley as Costume Director, the staging, dances, music and costumes will be a summer delight. Tickets range from \$9-\$16 and will be available May 1 at www.HighValleyArts.org.

Group rate tickets (\$10/person) are available for Wednesday nights, July 6 and July 13. These tickets must be purchased online by credit card in groups of 10. This is a great family reunion show! Don't miss it!

To be included on our mailing list, send an email to info@highvalleyarts.org and we'll make sure you know when tickets go on sale!!

Making Sure Our Water Is Safe To Drink

As Culinary Water Purveyor's in the State of Utah, Midway City is required to test and provide safe, clean, drinkable water to our customers

Each year Midway City installs and replace new waterlines to our culinary water system to help insure that each and every resident gets safe drinking water, and that our water tanks are kept full and clean without any debris or contaminates. As a precautionary measure, we are required by the Division of Drinking Water and the EPA to chlorinate our drinking water. We are required to keep the levels of chlorine within set parameters – it has been said that if you can taste the chlorine in the water, then there is not enough chlorine present to help clean the water.

We are reaching out to you, the homeowners, for your help to preserve Midway's culinary drinking water.

Cross Connections and backflows are prevalent in our daily lives; they can come from many different sources. Midway City requires that if you have a secondary irrigation line that feeds your outside sprinklers, that you have no physical or temporary connection between your culinary water and secondary water lines. No swing joint assemblies are allowed to be used. If culinary water is being used, a testable backflow prevention device must be installed to prevent any contamination to the culinary water system. This device must be installed above ground and provide access for all required backflow inspections each year by a state certified backflow prevention tester.

As a part of the City's ongoing safety measures, we will be performing inspections of all private and public sprinkler systems to determine if there are any cross connections or backflow problems. If a cross connection or backflow violation is found, the homeowner will be notified in writing of the violation and one of the water sources will be shut off until the necessary repairs have been made and a re-inspection has been performed by the City. In the event that a homeowner or business owner takes no action to correct the problem, Midway City will terminate the cross connections by disconnecting the culinary water meter from the setter and locking it, making the meter unusable. The customer will then be fined with a class B misdemeanor which is \$800.00 per day until the required actions have taken place to protect the City culinary drinking water.

New Home Construction: All new homes will be pre-inspected for cross connections prior to releasing their Home Occupancy Permits and the Public Facility Bond.

